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1. CIES REPORTS THEY PRESENTLY REVIEWING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR NINE OF FIELDS LISTED FOR NIGERIA IN THEIR 1975-76 ANNOUNCEMENT (SEE STATE OM 5/29/74). HAVE GOOD NUMBER OF APPLICANTS ESPECIALLY IN AMERICAN HISTORY BUT NONE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. SPECIAL RECRUITMENT EFFORT AFRICA-WIDE NOW UNDERWAY FOR THESE FIELDS WITH A SUPPLEMENTARY ANNOUNCEMENT SENT TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITY LAST MONTH. CIES ALSO SENT INDIVIDUAL LETTERS TO DEANS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS SOLICITING APPLICANTS. THEY FEEL CONFIDENT THEY WILL FIND GOOD CANDIDATES FOR UNIVERSITY LAGOS AND BENIN.

2. REDUCED FY-1975 ALLOCATION (DALSIMER/PETERS O-I POUCHED 10/16) PROBABLY WILL NECESSITATE PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS. FURTHER, FY-75 FUNDS ALREADY USED FOR THREE PROFESSORS 1974-75 YEAR (RYTTING, WREN, HOGENDORN). IT WOULD APPEAR FROM CPP THAT FUNDS WERE BUDGETED FOR THREE ADDITIONAL PROFESSOR GRANTS (1 EACH IBADAN, LAGOS, BENIN) AND REPLACEMENT FOR RYTTING AND HOGENDORN WHICH MAKE A TOTAL OF FIVE NEW AWARDS. THUS, OTHER OPENINGS FOR WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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CIES HAS APPLICANTS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN AWARDS IN EVENT

FALLOUT FUNDING AVAILABLE OR POST WILLING MORTGAGE
FY-76 ALLOCATION. IS THIS CORRECT? IF RYTTING AND
HOGENDORN ARE RENEWED, THEIR GRANTS MUST BE FY-76
FUNDED WHICH COULD RELEASE TWO AWARDS TO OTHER CANDIDATES.

3. IN LIGHT OF DIFFICULT VISA ISSUANCE EACH YEAR AND
ESPECIALLY THE RYTTING CASE THIS YEAR, DEPARTMENT HAS
SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT ADDITIONAL PROFESSOR GRANTS AND
ENCOURAGING CANDIDATES TO APPLY. DEPARTMENT HOPES
NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES
FOR FUTURE APPLICANTS. PANELS OF APPLICANTS WILL BE
FORWARDED TO POST IN DECEMBER OR JANUARY AND EARLY
DECISIONS ON UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICANTS IS
ESSENTIAL IN ORDER THAT AMERICAN PROFESSORS CAN OBTAIN
NECESSARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND MAKE DEPARTURE PLANS.

4. NO ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN PROGRAM YET MADE AS
RESULT OF POSNER REPORT SINCE AWAITING REPORT OF OLC
SURVEY. ANTICIPATE THAT SOME CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS
WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN 1976-77 YEAR. INGERSOLL

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